

# State of the Charter Schools



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# Positioning Statement

## **We Believe Charter Schools Must:**

- Add value and address needs not already being met by local schools or the school district.
- Provide program offerings that are unique and not already provided within the school system.
- Show financial stability and sustainability.
- Be community-driven and involve parents rather than for-profit organizations.
- Provide a process to learn from the past successes and challenges.
- Perform at/or above the district for student performance and school climate.

# Charter School Enrollment

	FCS Charters	Renewal Date	Grades	Enrollment
Stable Enrollment	Amana Academy	June 2024	K-8	750 (772)
	Chattahoochee Hills Charter	June 2026	K-8	529 (540)
	Hapeville Chapter Career Academy	June 2025	9-12	703 (703)
Cautionary Enrollment (Over/No Contract)	KIPP South Fulton Academy	June 2023	5-8	369 (340)
	RISE Prep	June 2023	6-8	331
	RISE Grammar	June 2023	K-5	455
	The Main Street Academy	June 2025	K-8	868
Under Enrollment (Significant Decline)	Fulton Academy of Science and Technology (FAST)	June 2026	K-8	572 (720)
	Skyview High School	June 2024	9-12	271 (600)

*9 charters schools currently serve over 4,816 students  
(~5% of FCS Student Population)*

# Charter Innovations

## Amana Academy

- Harvard-Based EL Education Approach to STEM Design Thinking
- Middle School Single-Gender Classroom Instruction
- Integrated Culture & Character Programming

## Chattahoochee Hills Charter School

- Tri-focus in the Arts, Agriculture, and the Environment
- Aligned Campus Design
- Extensive use of Local Resources as Outdoor Classrooms

## Fulton Academy of Science and Technology (FAST)

- Incorporating Design Thinking
- Weekly "Genius" Hour"
- 8th Grade Capstone
- Coding and Computer Science for All Grade

## Hapeville Charter Career Academy

- Career Preparedness: Aviation and Avionics
- Expansion/Enrollment Growth in Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement
- CTAE: Cloud Computing Pathway
- Early College

# Charter Innovations

## KIPP South Fulton

- Focus on 5-8th Grade Underserved Communities
- Intervention/Enrichment Blocks Four Times a Week
- KIPP Forward Alumni Support for 6 Years Post- Graduation

## The RISE schools (RISE Grammar and RISE Prep)

- Six Pillar Educational Model 1) restorative practices, 2) entrepreneurship, 3) ethics of care, 4) experiential learning 5) culturally responsive teaching and 6) social emotional wellness

## Skyview High School

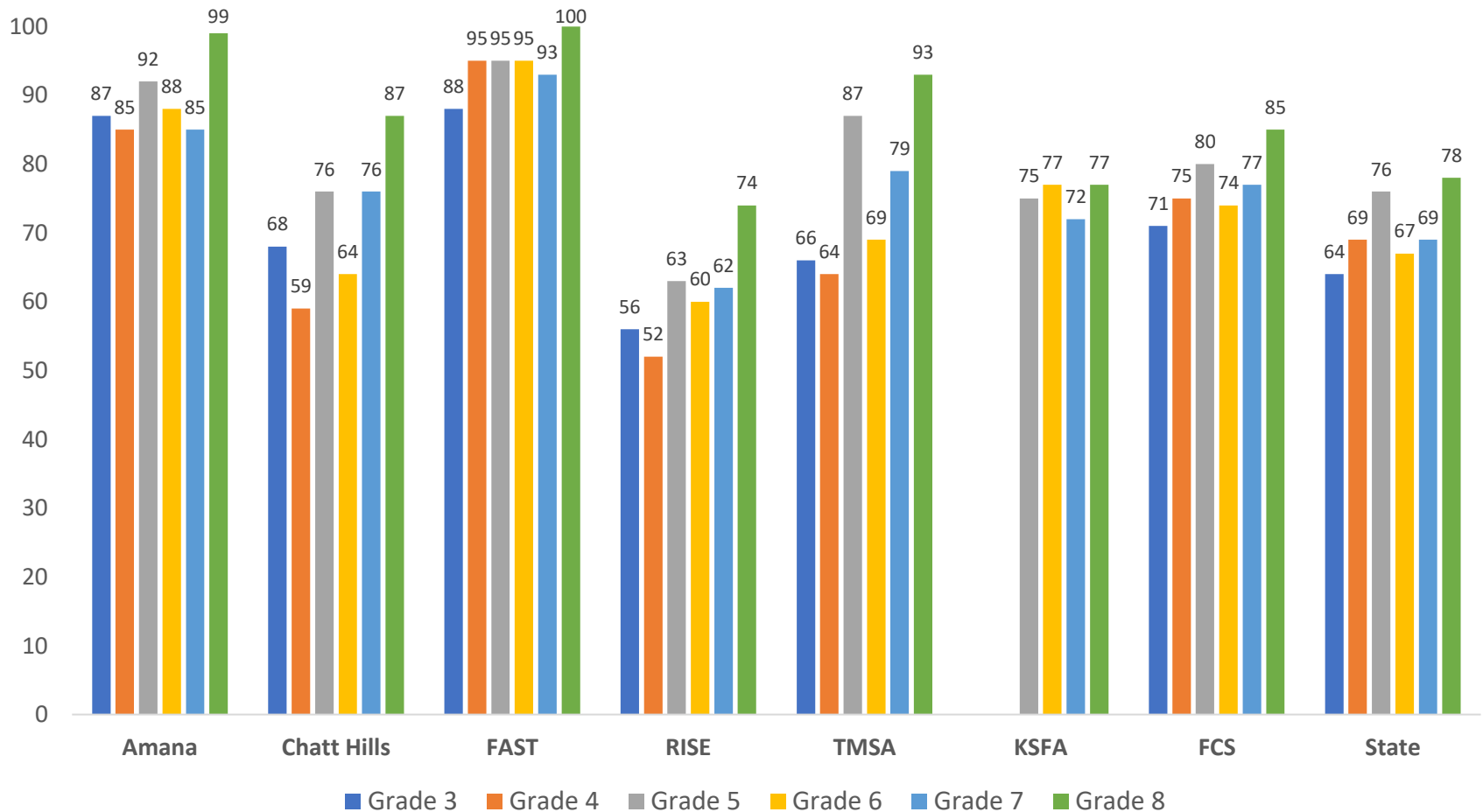
- Modified Instructional Block Scheduling
- Blended Learning Instructional Model
- Wraparound Services for Students

## The Main Street School Academy

- Flex Time for Extended Student Learning
- Project Based STEAM Learning
- Schoolwide Enrichment Model Connects Instruction to Real-World

# Georgia Milestones Pass Rate Students Scoring 2, 3 or 4

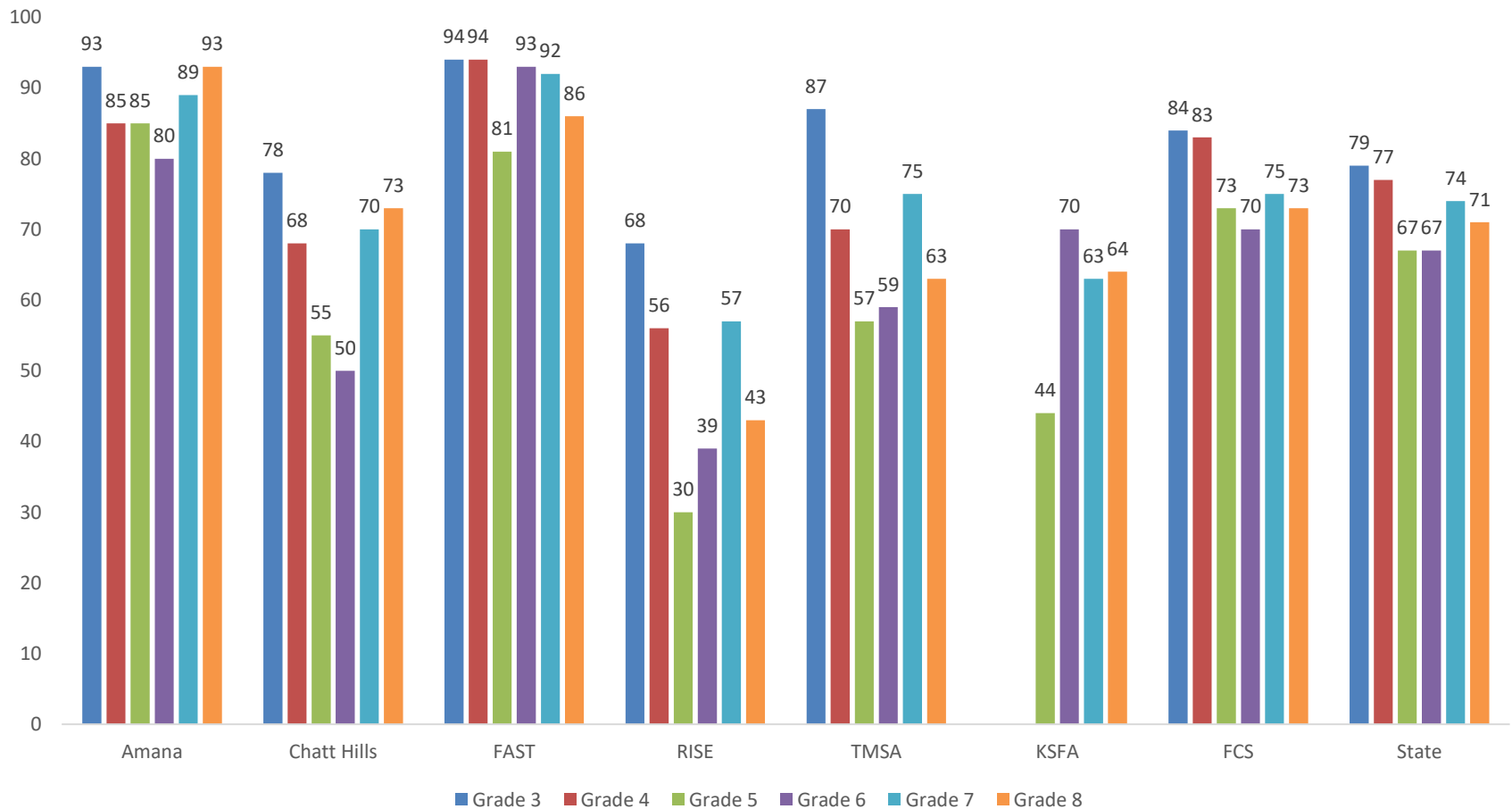
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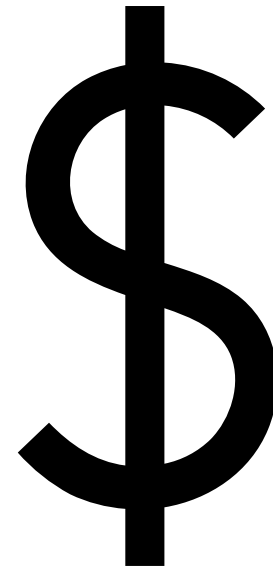
# Georgia Milestones Pass Rate

## Students Scoring 2, 3 or 4

### 2021-2022 Math Performance Grades 3-8



- State Facility Grant
  - **\$723,861**
  - Each school received **\$80,429**
- Federal Charter Schools Facility Grant
  - **\$486,282**
  - Formula-Based Award Amounts
- CARES Act - **\$53,484**
- CRRSA Act – ESSER II - **\$ 3,094,689**
- ARP Act – ESSER III - **\$6,575,612**





# Financial Oversight

## Performance

Sustainability  
Ratio

Liquidity  
Ratio

Occupancy  
Expense Ratio

Debts to  
Assets Ratio

## Accountability

- All charter schools have an annual independent audit
- All schools receive agreed upon procedures audit

# Financial Stability

## Sustainability Ratio

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	RISE**	Skyview	TMSA
3.07	0.06	2.94	4.32	$\frac{-1.43}{4.09\text{-Metro}}$	9.62	6.23	1.94

Sustainability ratio is measured as unrestricted net assets divided by average monthly expenses. Sustainability ratio should indicate **more than a 2-month reserve**.

## Liquidity Ratio

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	RISE**	Skyview	TMSA
0.17	0.06	0.23	0.38	$\frac{-0.11}{.36\text{-Metro}}$	0.89	0.50	0.21









Liquidity ratio is measured as (current assets less current liabilities) divided by total expenses. Liquidity ratio should be **greater than 0 and less than 1**.

## Debt to Assets Ratio

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	RISE**	Skyview	TMSA
0.83	0.11	0.14	0.46	$\frac{0.37}{.22\text{-Metro}}$	0.94	0.07	0.12









Debt to Asset Ratio is measured as total liabilities (excluding net pension liability) divided by total assets. **The debt to asset ratio should be less than 0.90.**

## Occupancy Expenses Ratio\*

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	RISE	Skyview	TMSA
3.35% 	8.38% 	13.43% 	4.68% 	15.23%  4.60%-Metro	8.63% 	9.79% 	3.81% 

Occupancy expense is measured by rent, taxes and insurance on building, depreciation and amortization expense (total occupancy costs) divided by total revenue. **Occupancy expense should be 15% or less.**

## Occupancy Expenses Ratio\*

Amana	CHCS	FAST	Hapeville	KSFA	RISE	Skyview	TMSA
12.72% 	20.62% 	16.13% 	9.17% 	20.26%  7.37%-Metro	12.54% 	13.39% 	6.50% 

Occupancy expense is measured by utilities, repairs and maintenance, and interest on mortgage (total occupancy costs) divided by total revenue. **Occupancy expense should be 15% or less.**

\*Occupancy costs are defined to ways: (1) as rent, taxes and insurance on building, depreciation and amortization expense: (2) additionally, utilities, repairs and maintenance, and interest on mortgage.

# Charter Petition Process

## New Charter Petition Timeline

- 3rd Friday in June – Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in January – New Petition Application Submission



## Renewal Petition Timeline

- 3rd Friday in March – Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September – Renewal Petition Application Submission



### **Three petitioners have sent in LOI for a start date of August 2024:**

1. Precious Pearls Urban Leadership Academy
2. Movement School Atlanta
3. Atlanta Cultural Academy

# APPENDIX

## State Commissioned Charter Schools in Fulton County

School	Address	Grades Served
Atlanta Unbound Academy	1743 Hardin Avenue College Park, GA 30337	K-6
Fulton Leadership Academy	2575 Dodson Drive East Point, GA 30344	6-12
GA Cyber Academy	1745 Phoenix Blvd #100, Atlanta, GA 30349	K-12
International Charter School of Atlanta	1335 Northmeadow Pkwy, #100 Roswell, GA 30076	K-3
International Charter School of Atlanta	1675 Hembree Road Alpharetta, GA 30009	4-7
Resurgence Hall	1743 Hardin Avenue College Park, GA 30337	K-8